Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A spreader bar assembly for use with a ~~kite powered~~ conveyance device having a control ~~bar (26, 26')~~ element, said spreader bar assembly including a spreader bar ~~(18) adapted for connection to a harness of a user of the kite powered conveyance device~~; an arm ~~(20, 20')~~ connected to said spreader bar and having a longitudinal axis; ~~a tether connector (42, 42') mounted on said arm (20, 20') and adapted for connection thereto of a tether (38) from the kite powered device to connect the tether (38) to said spreader bar (18);~~ and a hook ~~(22, 22')~~ mounted on said arm and adapted to be hooked to the control ~~bar (26, 26')~~ element of the ~~kite powered~~ conveyance device to connect the control ~~bar (26, 26')~~ element of the ~~kite powered~~ conveyance device to said spreader bar ~~(18), characterized by said tether connector (42, 42') and said hook (22, 22') being rotatably mounted on said arm (20, 20') for rotation about the longitudinal axis of said arm~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A spreader bar assembly as claimed in claim 1, further characterized by ~~said~~ a tether connector ~~(42)~~ being formed integrally with said hook ~~(22)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A spreader bar assembly as claimed in claim 1, further characterized by said arm ~~(20, 20')~~ being pivotally connected to said spreader bar ~~(18)~~, and by a spring ~~(64)~~ urging said arm ~~(20, 20')~~ to extend from said spreader bar ~~(18)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A spreader bar assembly as claimed in claim 1, further characterized by a quick release member ~~(72)~~ enabling release of said arm ~~(20')~~ from said spreader bar ~~(18)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) A spreader bar assembly as claimed in claim 1, further characterized by ~~said~~ a tether connector including a rotor member ~~(42')~~ and a shackle member ~~(66')~~ pivotally attached to said rotor member ~~(42')~~.

6. (Currently Amended) A spreader bar assembly as claimed in claim 1, further characterized by said hook being a snap hook ~~(22')~~.

7-18. (Withdrawn).

19. (Canceled).

20. (Withdrawn)A control apparatus for a kite powered conveyance device as claimed in claim 16, further characterized by said tether connector including a rotor member (42') and a shackle member (66') pivotally attached to said rotor member (42').

21. (Canceled).

22. (Withdrawn)A control apparatus for a kite powered conveyance device as claimed in claim 16, further characterized by said tether guide (34'') having a slot (44) extending from an end thereof into said tether guide (34'') for passage therethrough of said tether (38), the slot (44) being sized in relationship to said tether (38) to permit said tether guide (34'') to grip said tether (38) in the slot (44), while allowing removal of said tether (38) from the slot (44) in response to pulling on said tether (38).

23. (Canceled).

24. (Canceled).

25-27. (Withdrawn).

28. (Canceled).

29. (Withdrawn)A kite powered conveyance device as claimed in claim 25, further characterized by said tether connector including a rotor member (42') and a shackle member (66') pivotally attached to said rotor member (42').

30. (Canceled).

31. (Withdrawn)A kite powered conveyance device as claimed in claim 25, further characterized by said tether guide (34, 34') having a slot (44) extending from an end thereof into said tether guide (34, 34') for passage therethrough of said tether (38), the slot (44) being sized in relationship to said tether (38) to permit said tether guide (34, 34') to grip said tether (38) in the slot (44), while allowing removal of said tether (38) from the slot (44) in response to pulling on said tether (38).

32. (Canceled).

33. (Canceled).

34-36. (Withdrawn).

37. (Canceled).

38. (Withdrawn)A kite powered conveyance device as claimed in claim 34, further characterized by said tether connector including a rotor member (42') and a shackle member (66') pivotally attached to said rotor member (42').

39. (Canceled).

40. (Withdrawn)A kite powered conveyance device as claimed in claim 34, further characterized by said tether guide (34'') having a slot (44) extending from an end thereof into said tether guide (34'') for passage therethrough of said tether (38), the slot (44) being sized in relationship to said tether (38) to permit said tether guide (34'') to grip said tether (38) in the slot (44), while allowing removal of said tether (38) from the slot (44) in response to pulling on said tether (38).

41-59 (Canceled).

60. (New)A spreader bar assembly as claimed in claim 1, further characterized by said hook being rotatably mounted on said arm for rotation about the longitudinal axis of said arm.

61. (New) A spreader bar assembly as claimed in claim 1, further characterized by said control element comprising a control bar adapted to be used with a wind-powered conveyance device.

62. (New) A spreader bar assembly as claimed in claim 1, further characterized by said control element comprising a control apparatus adapted to be used with a self-propelled conveyance device.

63. (New) A spreader bar assembly as claimed in claim 1, further characterized by a quick-release member enabling release of said hook from said arm.